

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action of January 14, 2009. Claims 1–23 are pending. Upon entry of this response, Claim 23 will be withdrawn.

I Restriction Requirement

The Office Action required restriction to one of the following: Group I (Claims 1–22) or Group II (Claim 23). Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1–22) without traverse.

It is respectfully submitted the Claims 1–22 are patentably distinguished from the art of record and are in condition for allowance.

II M.P.E.P. §707.07(j)

M.P.E.P. §707.07(j) states:

“...If the examiner is satisfied after the search has been completed that patentable subject matter has been disclosed and the record indicates that the applicant intends to claim such subject matter, the examiner may note in the Office action that certain aspects or features of the patentable invention have not been claimed and that if properly claimed such claims may be given favorable consideration...”

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make Applicants aware of any subject matter disclosed by the present application which the Examiner believes is patentable. By doing so, the Examiner would help expedite prosecution by enabling Applicants to amend the present claims or draft new claims directed to such subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the art of record and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requests that the pending

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claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,
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